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THE WEATHER TO-DAY-FAIR.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

BOY CRUSHED BY HOSE WAGON; ARM AND LEG BROKEN

Hurried to Hospital, With Only Bare Chance of Recovery Now.

JACKSON WARD FIRE SERIOUS

Nine Dwellings Swept Away Twelve Families Being Left Homeless, Damage Amounting to \$20,000, With Practically No Insurance. Defective Flue Cause.

ARTIN LEO ONEAL, seven-years old, whose right arm and leg were broken when he was run er by a hose wagon at First and buil Streets, was the only victim of a which yesterday afternoon deroyed nine houses in the 120 block in North St. James Street, rendering velve families homeless and causing property loss estimated at from a property loss estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20,000. The O'Neal boy is now in a critical condition at the Vir-ginia Hospital, where it was said last light the chances are against his re

Covery,
Handicapped by an insufficient water supply, and often unable to approach the flames because of a high wind that drove them for many yards, the fremen battled value in their efforts to check the conflagration, which was not under control until it had literally burnt itself out. The flames are said to have been caused by a defective flue, and are believed to have started in the home of Mary Kemp, colored, of

flue, and are believed to have started in the home of Mary Kemp, colored, of 1220 North St. James Street. Every house within 100 yards was frame, and within less than an hour three dwelings had been consumed and the fre was eating rapidly in both directions.

Fire Jumps the Street.

When it seemed that the fire would be kept in the block in which it started, sparks carried across the street ignited the roof at 1215 North St. James Street. and before the hose could be directed there, the place next door, 1217, had caught. This unexpected turn caused a panic in the neighborhood, and for two blocks families were moving their household goods into the streets, while mothers, goods into the streets, while mothers ith babies in their arms, and children ying at their heels, were sceking

Two streams were taken from the

places of shelter.

Two streams were taken from the main fire, and directed on adjoining property, and an third alarm might have been turned in but for the fact that the wind suddenly abated, and from then on the task of extinguishing the flames was comparatively easy. The fire was, discovered by a driver of a grocery wagon, who did not give the alarm before a blaze was rising many feet above the root of the house in which it originated.

Just after the alarm was given, and before the first engine reached the scene, the spectators were startled at seeing a woman, in her night clothes, endeavoring to escape from a second-story window of the burning house to the roof. Annle Keinp, an invalid, was alone in her room, and had barely gotten where she could be seen from the street, before the ceiling crashed in. She was rescued by a man, who She was rescued by a man, who bed to the porch and was taken nearby house.

Fought Against Odds.

"We fought Against odds."

"We fought against terrible odds,"

said Captain Meadows, of Engine Company, No. 9, which first responded to
the alarm. "The fire gained great
headway in a few minutes, and I realized from the first, with the heavy
wind, we were up against a strenuous
fight, It was as hot a fire as I ever
tackled. It was impossible to stand
in St. James Street, as the flames had
the wind back of them, and were
driven straight across the street. The
only marvel is that we ever checked
the advance, and I am thoroughly satissied with the work of the men. I the advance, and I am thotography as issied with the work of the men. I have often dreaded a fire in this section on such a day, because the buildings are all entirely of wood, and when they once catch, there is no telling when the last spark will be out."

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The fire began at 8 o'clock, and was not out until nearly 7 o'clock. An hour later another alarm was turned in from the same box, but this was started in the debris at 1214 North St. James Street, and the damage amounted to practically nothing. Nearly all of the houses are owned by colored people, and the heaviest loser is G. J. Porter, of 1224 North St. James Street, who is believed to be one of the wealthiest negroes in old Jackson Ward. Porter stated last night that he will probably lose \$4,000, and carries no insurance. He is a merchant, and conducted a grocery store in one

Memorable Scene is Euncted in House of Commons.

LONDON, November 4.—The House of Commons to-night passed the third reading of the finance bill by a vote of 379 to 149.

The scene in the House was a memorable one. Seldom has there been a larger attendance of members and peers, and the diplomatic galleries were crowded to their utmost capacity. Chancellor Lloyd-George, Premier Asquith and Mr. Balfour, leaders of the opposition, all spoks. Tense excitement prevalled throughout, all present appearing to be imbued with the historic character of the occasion. Mr. Asquith, in closing the debate, said it was incumbent upon those who objected to the government's taxes to provide some alternative scheme to meet the nation's necessities. Where was this scheme, he asked, Sooner or later, Mr. Balfour must show his hand, and it would have to be a hand that would suit the game of the tariff reformers. There were only two issues before the houses—the taxes proposed by the budget or tariff reform. A division was then taken, and the announcement of the vote, showing the government's majority' to be larger than had been expected, was greeted with prolonged ministerial cheers.

The bill will be formally passed on its first reading in the House of Lords to-morrow, the debate on the second reading, which will determine its fate, beginning November 22. he will probably lose \$4,000, and carries no insurance. Ho is a merchant, and conducted a grocery store in one of the buildings.

Andrews A. Williams, colored, of 1217 North St. James Street, and Pat Emith, colored, of 1215 North St. James Street, both of whose homes were seriously damaged, own their property, and carry sufficient insurance to gover the loss. William E. Johnson, of 1212 1-2 St. James Street, whose dwelling is on the verge of the burned area, owns his home, and carries insurance.

dwelling is on the verge of arrives inarea, owns his home, and carries in his said to Be Siated for the his his his said colored, who occupied the other houses, lost all their furniture and clothing, none of which is insured. Several of the buildings were owned by Mrs. Henry King and a Mr. Rupp. Porter, who cwned two of the houses, stated last night (that he came to Richmond forty years ago, and got his start as disling-room servant for Mrs. James Duniop and the late Dr. Haxall. A large percentage of his life's sail. Mr. Crosby, and that President Taft has his name under consideration, It also is reported that shortly after Mr. Taft's return, if present plans are experted out, Mr. Crosby's selection will be announced.

Mr. Crosby is an electrical engineer by profession, although of late years he has won fame as an explorer and writer. He is a graduate of West Point, but gave up his commission in the army.

RAIL RATES FOR WATER FREIGHT

on Which Tariff Has Advanced.

FUTURE TRADE OUTLOOK BRIGHT

President White Tells of City's Industrial Supremacy, Showing How Volume of Business Has Grown in Recent Years-Eight Hundred at Chamber Smoker.

PASSES THIRD READING

Memorable Scene Is Enacted in House of Commons,

hops, cotton seed oil and crude and fuel mineral oils, and are higher than they were prior to that date by from 30 to 40 per cent. on advertising matter, candy, tin cans, dates, figs, oranges, lemons, hardware in boxes, nails, tacks, rivets, labels, leather in rolls, locks, stoves and tinware nested in boxes.

"From 40 to 50 per cent. on currants, prunes, paper cigarettes, rope, soda in kegs, sugar, plug tobacco and twine. From 50 to 60 per cent. on coffee, cotton sheeting, fish, apples, molasses, syrup, garden seeds, soda in packages, cased; tin plate in boxes, tobacco cigarettes and smoking tobacco. From 50 to 70 per cent. on alum, paper boxes, cotton piece goods, fish bars in bundles, iron taggers, soda in kegs and ground sumac; 70 per cent. on pig tin, 80 per cent. on hardware in bundles and kegs and soda in kegs, less than carload; S4 per cent. on tallow, 86 per cent. on iron boits and spikes in kegs.

Rail Lines in Control.

"Another very important point to be

SEABOARD PASSES TO STOCKHOLDERS

Freeman Cites Articles Receivers Formally Transfer Railway Property at Midnight.

WILLIAMS FOR NEXT PRESIDENT

Generally Conceded That Richmond Man Will Be Elected at Petersburg on Thursday. All Officers and Employes to Remain Until Further Notice.

MARTY LID O'NALL

GLASS A CANDULATE FOUR YEARS HENCE

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Formal Transfer Made.

BALTIMORE, MD., November 4.—The transfer of the Scabbard Air Line Railing from its receivers to the directors of the company took place in the office of the receivers in the Continental Building.

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Secretary Portous, of the railroad
company, the other assets, amounting
to about \$12,000,000, the bulk of which
represents the proceeds of the sale
of \$18,000,000 of adjustment 5 per cent,
bonds,
Out of this the company will pay
approximately \$11,400,000, being the
amount of the receiver's certificates
outstanding and floating debt.
Payment of the receiver's certificates
will begin next Saturday at the Continential Trust Company, Baltimore,
and at the banking house of Blair &
Co., New York.

COLLAPSE IS FEARED

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Rail Lines in Comtol.

"Another very important point to be considered is which influence is regulating the rates. A careful review and analysis of the conditions will show that with us it is the rail incompetition is found.

"The rail rates from St. Louis to Oklahoma City are over 100 per cent, higher per ton per mile than they are from St. Louis to St. Paul, where water competition affects them, and they are over 505 per cent, higher than the water rates between St. Louis and St. Paul.

"Take another instance showing the effect on rail rates of water competition. On a certain class of piece goods the rate from St. Louis to Denver is \$2.24. The same goods are halled (Continued on Pase Two-Column 4) Cordon of Policemen on Guard at

SLATED TO HEAD SEABOARD



JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS.

KAUFMAN TRACED

State Department Fights Shy of He Is Arrested There Charged

REFUSES SOCIETY'S REQUEST PICTURE LEADS TO CAPTURE

of its attitude.

The members of the committee, which will go to Copenhagen for the Geographic Society, will be provided with the usual letters of introduction from the State Department to the American diplomatic officers abroad, asking that the committee be given all courtesies or assistance possible consistent with the official duties of the diplomatic representatives.

Determined efforts will be made by the committee to secure the Cook data. Dr. Cook will be afforded every opportunity to place his records, or any information bearing on his trip, before the committee, which, soon after its appointment, will communicate with him directly.

SPEEDIEST BATTLESHIP

Painting is Finished.

PARIS. November 4.—Jean Paul Laurenz, the French artist, has inished his painting for the courthouse at Baltimore, portraying the surrender or Yorktown. It will be shown at the coming salon. The painting represents Washington, with Lafayette and Rochambeau, receiving the sword of Cornwallis before the assembled armies.

TO BERLIN HOTEL

to Whereabouts of Fugitive.

man, of New York, was arrested today by former United States Post-Office Inspector Henry C. Hill on the

charge of frauds amounting to \$107,000

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Carelessness of Wife Gives Clue

DETERMINED FIGHT ON

Railways Are Seeking to Upset Okla-homa's Two-Cent Fare Law.
GUTHRIE, OKLA., November 4.—A determined fight between the State Corporation Commission and a number of the larger subsent North Dakota Goes Ahead of Her Sister
Dreadnought.

ROCKLAND, ME., November 4.—The
North Dakota is the fastest battleship
of the Dreadnought type afloat, as
well as one of the two most powerful
battleships in the world. Her screw
standardization tests over the Rockland, Me., measured mile course to-day
developed a maximum speed of 22.25
knots, and an average of 21.833. Both
marks are in excess of the best performances of either her sister ship,
the Delaware, or the Belleropson, the
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Judge Hook heard arguments on the plea of abatement filed by State officers, who contended that the railroads had not exhausted their relief in the State courts, and that the Federal court had no jurisdiction in the matter. On conclusion of the arguments Judge Hook announced that he would return an opinion next Monday or Tuesday.

DARING ROBBERY

Cashier Sand-Bagged and \$14,150 Is Sielen.

NIAGARA FALLS, ONT., November 4.
—William Dobson, cashier of the Canadian Express Company here, was sand-bagged this afternoon in the company's office at the Grand Trunk Station in Bridge Street and a packagu containing \$14,156 taken from him by two unknown men. The robbery was committed in broad daylight, with a score of the station employes within twenty feet of the office. Dobron was alone at the time the two men and twenty feet of the office. Dobron was alone at the time the two men and the many with a sand-bag or a piece of gas pipe. Five minutes later Dobson was found spins unconsclous on the floor in a pool of blood. He did not recover consciousnees for about an hour and was then unable to give a good description of the two men.

MME. STEINHEIL CENTRAL FIGURE OF GRIM DRAMA

Beautiful Prisoner Proves Match for Browbeating Judges.

HER INNOCENCE IS PROCLAIMED

Human Derelict Strides Into Court With Confession That He Helped Commit Double Murder—Story Believed Untrue—Thrilling Scenes in Trial.

BY VANCE THOMPSON.
[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

Pallis, November 4—Picture a pailled woman, beautiful enough to have captivated peers and a President of France, standing in trugic black in the grim old Court of the Assizes, her arms uplifted, her slender frame trembling with a tumult of emotion, her soft voice breaking into sobs swift-volleyed questions of three redswift-volleyed questions of three red-robed judges on the bench—an actress playing for her life, not only to the few breathless hundreds in the court-room, but to all the world outside. Project into the tense scene a serawny, intered derelict from the alleys of blont Martre, who strides before the judges and cries; "She Isn't guilty. I was one of the slayers. I was the red-batted woman. I were a wik."

judges and cries; "She last guilty. I was one of the slayers, I was the redhaired woman. I wore a wig."

Picture all this, and you have the
drama that was enacted in the second
day's session of the trial of hime. Steinhell, accused of killing her husband
and her stepmother, and suspected of
a pittless part in the strange end of
Fellx Faure, once President of France.
Very possibly the scene was only
drama. Although the president of the
court ordered an immediate layestigation of the man's strange confession,
the authorities have little faith in his
story. They believe him an unhalanced finantic, but his entrance was
no less a startling climax to a hearing
that had strained the nerves of all
present, had enat an unpleusant light
on the procedures of French justice,
and had left the heautiful prisoner exhausted.

bausted.

Office Inspector Henry C. Hill on the charge of frauds amounting to \$107,000, in connection with the Cotton Goods in connection with the Cotton Goods Converters Company, of New York, The case has many raminications, Kaurman was for a long time considered one of the most trustworthy business men of New York, His partner, M. A. Isaacs, had such implicit confidence in Kaurman's integrity, that, according to Hill, he induced a number of his friends to take shares in the business. One of these was named Blum, a Cincinnati merchant, who put in \$27,000. Others invested smaller sums. The business proceeded satisfactorily for six months, until Blum asked a customer declared was not due. An investigation of the company's accounts followed, and resulted in the discovery of a number of faisified entires amounting to \$107,000.

Kaufman, in the meantime, had disappeared. It was known that Kaurman had salled for Europe, but no clue to his whereabouts could be found until his wife, who is in business in Lawrence, Mass, dropped a paper containing a photograph of a hotel.

Neither the name of the hotel nor the name of the city was mentioned, but a window was marked, and above it were the words, "This' is my room," in Kaufmann's handwriting.

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Thrilling enough yesterday, the duel between Mme. Steinhell and the merciless Viscount De Valles, president of the court, became a battle to-day. Three judges at once fired their verbal broadsides at the quivering woman. They builled her, denounced her, aneered at her, and rebuked her when she dared to cry out against their pittless onslaught. But they could not shake her story. She repeated her description of the three men in the black robes and the red-haired woman who had come to her home on the night of May 30 and had killed her husband and her stepmother, after tying her (Mme. Becomes a Battle

Berlin. He called there this evening, and Hill, who was accompanied by Arthur Kugemann, of this city, and a detective, accosted him. At first Kaurmann stoutly denied his identity, but later he admitted he was the man and was arrested. He now awalst extradition papers from the United States. Martin Kaufmana is believed to have sailed from New York in the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse on May 25, when the steamer was chased by a tug, on board of which was a United States deputy marshal with a writ to prevent Kaufmann's departure. The tug, however, failed to overtake the steamer.

by the fleeing assassins.

"Was it at the home of Mme, Maseline, in Havre, that you met President Faure?" asked the judge.

"No, it was during a trip in the Alps." replied the prisoner, her voice breaking.

It is becoming evident that the court will seek to establish as a motive which might have caused the woman to kill her husband the fact that she was in love with a wealthy landowner of the Department of Ardennes, a widowr with four children.

This man is supposed to have been M. Borderel, who made a statement to the authorities following the arrest of Mme. Steinheil, in which he said she had once declared to him: "I love only you. My husband leads a life of infamy. I hate him. I have two hatreds in my life—my husband and my mother, who compelled me to marry him. I will get a divorce, and you shall marry me."

At the opening of to-day's session, president De Valles warned the jury against being moved by the arts and eloquence of the prisoner. He said: "Her tears and indignation are all calculated to affect you."

"So, may I not even proclaim my innocence in my own way," cried Mme. Steinheil.

From this first crossing of swords, it.

Hit By Hose Wagon

"On the 15th of October, 1892, our lives. It is further known here that Speaker Byrd is a receptive candidate for Governor.

Virginian politicians here are looking to Henry C. Stuart to oppose Senator Martin for re-election. Several Congressmen have discussed this possibility with newspaper men here. Mr. Stuart has not confided his plans to friends in Washington.

"On the 15th of October, 1892, our water rates were radically advanced, it is believed, through the Influence of the rail lines, and since then they rall rates on coffee, sugar, tobacco, reall rates on coffee, sugar, tobacco, still rates on coffee, sugar, tobacco, line is the list of October, 1892, our lives and succession of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since the individual the lines and since then they rate of the rail lines, and since the individual the lines and since the fuel mineral oils, and are higher than

Times-Dispatch Correspondents' Association

The annual meeting of the Times-Dispatch Correspondents' Association will take place at Murphy's Hotel November 9, 10 and 11. The President of the United States will address the correspondents on next Wednesday morning.